

FRENCH INDQ-CHINA

simultaneously described as gay, curious, naive, fickle, fondle in their person and in their race, slow, patient, **gentle**, devoted, and lazy. They are naturally hospitable, yet their customs receiving strangers into the home. Dr. Pannetier, a French doctor, often resented being kept waiting outside the house while the patient, **had** urgently begged his coming, often at great inconvenience, leisurely finished his meal. The repast, as well as the home, has a character. The Khmers have a comforting belief that even will spare those who are eating. In the obliging way the Khmers are tolerant, though super-Patting a child upon the head is unforgivable, a fact **which** French soldiers learned to their grief. Either through or nature, the Khmers are extraordinarily long-suffering—one of their called them buffaloes—yet their outbursts are when they have been goaded beyond endurance. They *can* be unbelievably **obstinate**, yet outdo themselves in personal devotion. Their modesty is easily outraged by a display of the nude or of even **emotions**, yet their literature is often crudely sensual. The Khmer character is the product of two forces: the Buddhistic conception of life and their historical **past**. From the Cambodian **is** nourished on a literature **permeated** **the** miraculous. Fantastic visions of ancient splendour for an present. The supernatural The chief preoccupation of these timid people Is to **presages**, propitiate the hostile spirits* to by and magic. Khmer superstition has net yet rites, **but** nevertheless every act is regulated. For **the** **point** to the South when one sleeps*

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